(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) No norms nave been fixed for the purpose.

Reviving of closed textile Mills in Gujarat

271. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to revive the closed textile mills of Ahmedabad and other cities of Gujarat ;

(b) whether there is any proposal to provide employment to the workers who are unemployed because of closure of textile mills in Gujarat; and

(c) what other steps Government are taking to provide employment to the workers of closed textile mills in Gujarat.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (KUMARI SAROJ KHA-PARDE) : (a) Revival of closed textile mill depends upon its viability being established before the Nodal Agency/BIFR. Out of the _ 36 textile mills lying closed in Gujarat as on 31-5-1989 , the Nodal Agency has examined the cases of 20 mills. Out of these only 7 mills were found to be viable. The cases of these mills are now before the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction. The Nodal Agency has been advised to expeditiously examine the cases of the remaining mills.

(b) and (c) It is for the State Government to formulate scheme for redeployment and rehabilitation of workers displaced by closures of textile mills, Government have already advised the State Government in this regard.

Demand of tobacco growers of Gujarat

272. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a demand from the farmers of Gujarat growing bidi/hucca tobacco that bidi/hucca tobacco be brought under the perview of the Tobacco Board of India ; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Cooperative Tobacco Growers Federation Limited has requested for bringing non-virginia tobacco like bidi tobacco and hucca tobacco under the purview of the Tobacco Board. Consultations with all concerned are being held to take a view on the agency which could be made responsible for the regulation of marketing of non-virginia tobacco.

Raids by Income-tax Directorate

273. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that raids were conducted by the Income-tax Department all over the country during 1988 to unearth unaccounted money ;

(b) if so, what are the details of the raids conducted in different States, State-wise ;

(c) what quantum of unaccounted money was detected in these raids, State-wise ; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that some Chamber of Commerce and also some traders complained about the harassment meted out to the assessees by the Income-tax officials ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT

PANJA) : (a) Searches and seizures were conducted in a number of places at various times by the investigating agencies of the Income-tax Department during 1988.

(b) and (c) The State-wise details of searches conducted and the value of *prime-fade* unaccounted assets seized, during the Financial Year 1988-89, are given below :

Name of State	No. of searches conducted during F.Y. 1988-89	Value of assets seized (Rs. in lakhs)
Assam and N.E.R. Andhra	57	57.59
Pradesh Bihar . Delhi	263	604.53
Gujarat	289	285.81
Haryana	1136	1749.27
Himachal Pradesh .	932	2091.92
Jammu and Kashmir	142	215.50
Kerala .	5	3.05
Karnataka and Go?.	*4*	0.50
Madhya Pradesh	132	230.57
Maharashtra .	239	761.32
Orissa	122	265.57
Punjab and Chandigarh	1442	3918.44
Rajasthan	68	304.46
Tamil Nadu .	342	319.06
Uttar Pradesh	349	729.29
West Bengal .	406	569.75
	628	1426.61
	949	1737.49
	7505	15270.73

(d) Yes, Sir. The complaints were examined and the allegations of harassment were found to be base-less.

Discussions with tribal representatives on Jharkhand issue

274. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU : SHRI CHITTA BASU :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently held any discussions with the tribal representatives on Jharkhand issue ;

(b) what opinion was expressed thereat and what were the demands made by the tribal representatives on that issue ;

(c) whether the opinion of the State Governments of Orissa, West Bengal, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh were also sought for ; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof Indicating the reaction of the respective State Governments thereto?